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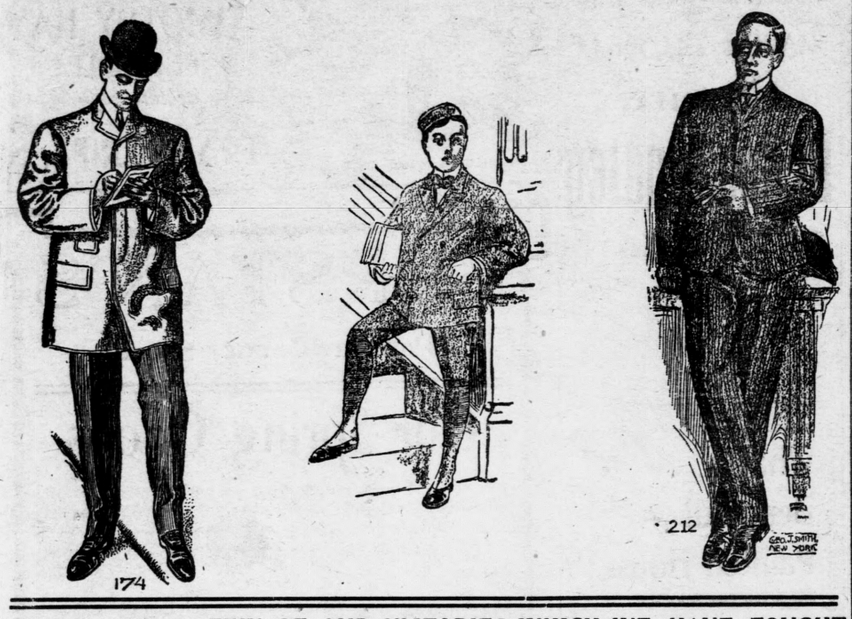

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Men's and Boys' Business Shoes.....	1.25
Fine Dress Shoes	1.5o
Extra strong and fine Dress Shoes	1.75
Goodyear Welt.....	2.oo
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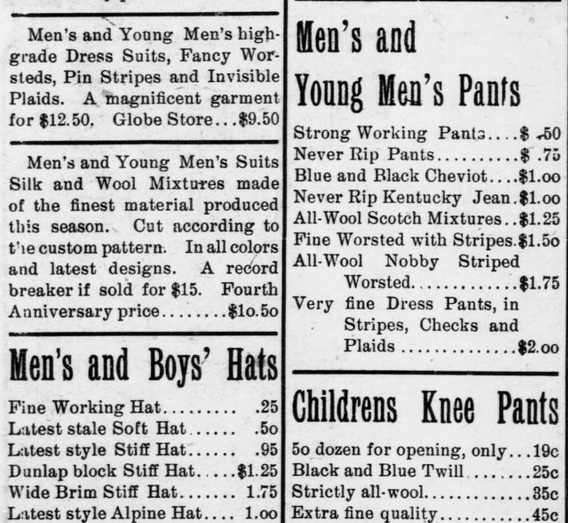

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S. P. BROOKINGTON.

TRANSCRIPT, $1.

WASHINGTON LETTER

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 12th, 1904.

Not within this generation has there been witnessed such a scene of excitement and confusion in the House of representatives as that which transpired on Wednesday and Thursday of this week. As with a whirlwind party lines went down before the withering blast of the Bristow reports upon the alleged connection of Congressmen with the Post Office frauds. Not an hour's delay was tolerated to enable the Committee on Post Offices which gave the report to the public, to lay it upon the table. Mr. Overstreet, chairman of the committee tried to extract the sting from the document, but failed, and the whole question was thrown open for discussion. Members proceeded with alacrity to take the bull by the horns. He had got into political china shop and must be hustled out. The public pressed into the galleries until they were overflowing, and great crowds waited at the doors.

During the debate it was with difficulty, and much pounding of the desk that Speaker Cannon could maintain sufficient order for the transaction of business. Congressmen who have bein in the House ten and twenty years, white with anger, denounced the charges and insinuations as exaggerated, uncalled for, garbled, and improperly included as a part of the document. It suppressed the truth and suggested that which was false. The best that can be said is that many Congreemen on both sides of the House, since the government was organized, have been in the habit of making recommendations and suggestions to the Post Office department, regarding the identical matters charged up against the report. This is not what they were elected for and the practice should be reformed altogether.

All departments of the government shared in the excitement, and nothing else was talked of among politicians. In brief the Bristow report contained the names of about one hundred and fifty members of Congress out of a total membership of four hundred and eighty. These have been held up to public scorn and their integrity impeached. The discussion would have been continued on the 10th inst, but for an adjournment of the House for the day occassioned by the death of a member, Hon. Geo. W. Croft, of South Carolina. The specific charges were that the members named had gone to the Department asking for an increase in the salaries of certain postmasters, requesting more clerks for certain post offices, and desiring an increased allowance for the rent of buildings. It was charged that a few were owners of the buildings which were to be leased by the government. While there was not a technical violation of law, it appears that certain regulations of the Department were violated by Beavers, who had these matters in charge and who is under indictment. During the two days discussion Congressmen tried to purge themselves of all wrong doing, but the report has gone broadcast and many a political career is nipped. At the conclusion of the debate, the House voted to appoint a select committee to investigate the charges made against Members of Congress. There will be no further general investigation of the Post Office Department.

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The indignation of Congress caused some anxiety at the White House and the President on the 10th inst, summoned Speaker Cannon, Mr. Overstreet, and Mr. Bristow for consultation. The Postmaster General is suffering from an attack of gout. The President has called to see him. On the 10th inst. the President issued an executive order to all the employes of the government, enjoining them to refrain from expressing opinions about the war which might irritate the nations of Europe. Representative Babcock, of Wisc., assures the President, that his state will give him 100,000 majority at the coming election. The Republicans of Kansas head the list for President Roosevelt. The President has been entertaining ex-Gov. Crane, of Mass., and it is understood he can have the naval portfolio when Secretary Moody resigns.

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There has been little legislation in Congress the past week, owing to the excitement caused by the Bristow report. The army bill has passed the Senate. What is known as the Alaska bill has also passed. It provides for good roads, schools, etc. The Senate has prohibited cattle grazing on the Bull Run forest preserve in Oregon. Considerable opposition is manifested in Congress to the erection of a statue of Frederick the Great in Washington. The House Committee on Ways and Means has agreed to the proposition to prohibit absolutely the killing of seals on the Pribilof island. The herd has diminished from four and a half millions to one hundred and twenty thousand head.

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The matter of the confirmation of Gen. Wood was before the Senate Committee on Military Affairs a few days ago, when a brief prepared by the late Senator Hanna was read. It went over the whole ground of charges to hurt Gen. Wood and declared that it was impossible to accept the mere naval statement of Gen. Wood, as against the sworn testimony of men in the naval and military service. The brief wishes Gen. Wood to prove his statements under oath. Senator Foraker will take up the case at the earliest opportunity. It is conceded that Gen. Wood will be confirmed.

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The secrets of Mormonism and the organization of that pecular church, continue to be dragged into the light. There is much curiosity to know all about plural marriages, revelations, the legal statue of children, and why the law is set at defiance. The investigation may drag on for a long time. Apostle Smith admits that he keeps up five different domestic establishments, and that he and the officers of the church are very sensitive on the subject of plural marriages.

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Secretary Cortelyou is developing as a great speech maker. From Providence, R. I., he has skipped to Chicago to tell the public what his Department intends to do. Secretary Taft thinks both the Filipenos and the Americans in our insular posses ions need rational amusements. The climate is too hot and wet for base ball, and the canteen is positively dangerous. Admiral Walker thinks it will be necessary to import 30,000 coolies to dig the Panama canal.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF THE LIGHT AND WATER COMMISSION

Showing the Transactions of this Body Since its Organization on February 22d, 1893.

THE CAPACITY OF THE PLANT GREATLY INCREASED.

Below will be found the financial statement of the Light and Water Commission since its organization on February 22d, 1893, and ending on February 20th, 1904. Since assuming charge the Commission has more than doubled the capacity of the plant, with only a slight increase in the bonded debt, and now has a floating debt of $5,700. This statement should be carefully read by every tax payer of our town, as from these figures they may get some idea of how their money has been expended. The statement follows:

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS ON WATER ACCOUNT:

From Water Rates,		
Individuals,	$10,384 84	
Town of Middletown,	5,985 68	
Camp Tunnell,	25 00	
P. B. & W. R. R. Co.,	7,875 00	
O. & M. Railway Co.,	365 10	
Total Revenue,		$24,535-62
Material Sold,		302 80
Permits issued,		386 07
Ashes Sold,		7 75
Bonds Sold,		4,000 00
Pump House Sold,		15 00
Interest refunded,		1 94
Appropriated by the Town of Middletown, for various improvements,		6,195 02
Loans negotiated,		4,566 66
Total Receipts,		$40,110 86

STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES ON WATER ACCOUNT.

For Operating Expenses, Labor, Coal, Oil, &c.	$17,634 22	
For Repairs to Plant and Machinery,	2,542 12	
For Material purchased,	1,252 13	
For Improvement and Extension of System,	16,965 05	
For Incidental Expenses, Interest, Taxes, Secretary, Treasurer, Printing, Postage, &c.,	1,386 64	
For Notes Paid,	1,966 67	
For Tools and Fixtures,	268 53	
Total Expenditures,		$42,015 36
Amount Overpaid, on Water Account,		$ 1,904 50

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS ON LIGHT ACCOUNT.

For Light Rates,		
Individuals,	$29,037 08	
Town of Middletown,	16,752 90	
P. B. & W. R. R. Co.,	375 00	
O. & M. R. R. Co.,	730 18	
Total Revenue,		$46,895 16
Material Sold,		4,034 88
Ashes, Old Poles, Iron, Bricks, &c., Sold,		121 99
Old Belts Sold,		20 00
Meter returned,		22 50
Interest refunded,		5 83
Appropriated by the Town,		983 50
Sale of Bonds,		10,000 00
Loans negotiated,		7,833 34
Total Receipts,		$69,917 20

STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES ON LIGHT ACCOUNT.

For Operating Expenses, Labor, Coal, Oil, &c.,	$34,140 76	
For Repairs to Plant and Machinery,	3,275 86	
For Material purchased,	4,716 83	
For Improvement and Extension of System,	19,027 54	
For Incidental Expenses, Interest, Taxes, Secretary, Treasurer, Printing, Postage, &c.,	2,407 07	
For Tools and Fixtures,	507 57	
For Notes Paid,	3,733 33	
Total Expenditures,		$67,808 96
Balance to Credit of Light Account,		$ 2,108 24

COURT DROPS ONE CONSTABLE

All the Other Officers Were Elected by Levy Court

County constables were elected at the meeting of the Levy Court Tuesday morning for the ensuing year. All the old constables were re-eelcted excepting Paul Bogan of Christiana hundred, who was dropped from the list. The constables elected follows:

Wilmington. John F. McLaughin, Thomas H. Buckley, James B. Stidham and Lucius C. Jones.
Christiana, John F. Porter.
White Clay Creek, Anton Sadler.
Red Lion, Frank Cleaver.
St. Georges, John W. Dickinson and William Johnson.
Mill Creek, Jacob Smith.
Appoquinimink, Harry Willey.

The bills of several more magistrates and constables were turned down because they had not complied with the law in making out their bills. The following communication on the matter was read from Comptroller Kelley.

To the Levy Court of New Castle County:

Gentlemen: I herewith return to you the following bills without my approval: Joseph A. Rhoades, Albert T. Williamson and Thomas Bratton, justices of the peace, and William E. Duhadaway, John W. Dickinson and Jacob W. Smith, constables. As they have charged for issuing and serving subpoenas when as a matter of fact a very few subpoenas were issued. I also find that where eight persons were charged with the commission of the same offense at the same time and by the same complainant a separate charge in each case has been made.

Yours respectfully,
George D. Kelley, Comptroller.

The bills were returned to the court. They range from $6 to $20. On motion of Mr. Armstrong they were referred back to the committee on magistrates and constables.

Chairman Hopkins of the magistrates and constables' committee stated that he thought the bills could be adjusted to the satisfaction of all concerned.

Seventh Street Bridge Matters

The matter of damages to the Seventh street bridge was again taken up in answer to a communication from Rayn and Kelley stating they did not consider that they could be held responsible. The court ordered a letter to be sent to the firm to the effect that unless a settlement is made the Levy Court will bring suit.

A warrant was ordered to be drawn in favor of the Globe Printing Company for $445.49. The original bill was about $2100 but was cut down to $1700. Under a decision of the Superior Court the company is entitled to the remainder with interest which amounted to $445.49.

BUSTLING MARCH WINDS

BY SOLON L. GOODE.

High up in the boughs where the birds build their dwelling,
The March winds are playing in fantastic glee.
Soon the leaves shall emerge from the buds now a-swelling
And bring joy to the nests in the verdure clad tree.

Behold their wild leap as they climb up the mountains,
As they rush through the vale where the winter wheat grows.
How they whirl and return to rest at the fountains
Which shall tint with their spray the cheeks of the rose.

Soon the bloom of the orchard, with fragrance and beauty,
Shall scatter like snow on the wings of the morn,
As the tiller goes forth with a song to his duty
Of enriching the earth for the tasseling corn.

Pursue thy wild course thou capering roister,
Until April shall catch thee with smiles and with tears.
Though the world will rejoice when thou seekest thy cloister,
The springtime doth need thee to round out the years.

PACIFIC COAST AND GRAND CANYON

On account of the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, to be held at Los Angles, Cal., beginniug May 3rd, the Pennsylvania Railroad Company will run a personally-conducted tour to Los Angles, visiting the Grand Canyon of Arazona *en route*, at unusually low rates. A special train of the highest grade Pullman equipment will leave New York, Philadelphia, and Pittsburg on Wednesday, April 27th, running via Chicago and the Santa Fe Route to the Grand Canyon. Sunday will be spent at this wonderful place, and Los Angles will be reached on the evening of May 1st. Round-trip tickets, including transportation, one double berth, and meals on special trains going; and transportation only returning on regular trains via direct routes or via San Francisco, will be sold at rate of $106 from New York $105 from Philadelphia, Baltimore, and Washington, and $100 from Pittsburg. Tickets will be good to return at any time before June 30th. Tourist returning via St. Louis may stop off for ten days to visit the World's Fair, by depositing ticket and paying $1.00 fee. A descriptive itinerary will be sent on appication to Geo. W. Boyd, General Passenger Agent, Broad Street Station, Philadelphia, Pa.

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THAT GOOD ROADS MEETING

Many Attended the Discussion at the Farmers' Institute in Newark.

Discussions dealing with the construction of good roads was the subject dealt with at the meeting of the Farmers' Institute of New Castle county in the oratory hall of Delaware College at Newark Monday.

The meeting was called to order President James Hossinger of the Institute, who introduced Philemma Chandler president of the Levy Court.

Mr. Chandler though that as the Levy Court can build bridges, it should be vested with the power to build good roads, whereas under the present laws the body has no jurisdiction in their constructions after the contract has been awarded and can only take care of the roads. He thought the court would be able to save the cost of paying an attorney which the Highway Commissioner now has engaged, and he suggested the appointment of an engineer to take charge of all constructions coming under the supervision providing a change in law is made.

Cornelius J. Horrigan, state highway commissioner, opposed the suggestion to give the entire power of road construction to the Levy Court, giving as his reason the fact that the Levy Courtmen are dependent upon the citizens for their return to office and are forced to do as they say disregardful of the interests of the people at large. He argued that the Highway Commission is not compelled to do this, the members being appointed by the governor. He created laughter by saying that while two bodies were watching each other as these two were good results were sure to follow.

Captain Joseph Cofield of Delaware City here made an appeal to the commission for good roads in his vicinity, and Highway Commissioner Horrigan created further laughter by declaring that he would build roads all over the state if the money would only be appropriated.

Julian Walker, attorney for the highway commission, when asked respecting going beyond the yearly appropriation in building roads, said it was his opinion that it could be done providing the commissions from Kent and Sussex counties, where no roads have been built, would transfer their appropriations to this county for the completion of roads already surveyed.

Levy Courtman M. N. Willits was not in favor of going ahead with all the work surveyed, saying it would cost to complete it about $42,000.

A. N. Brown, a prominent fruit grower of Kent county, was unable to see how the money appropriated for constructing roads in that county could be used in New Castle county, as last year's money already has been placed to the credit of the commission of that county.

Division Freight Agent C. E. Kingston of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, made an interesting address at the afternoon session, naming the points where fruit growers and people in general would be benefited. He suggested that when ever a good road is built it should be protected by broad rim wheels.

Resolutions favoring the present laws giving state aid in constructing good roads, favoring the office of a county engineer to aid in their construction and favoring the present laws for the expenditure of money for dirt roads were presented by Alexander P. Corbit of Odessa.

After considerable discussion only the section favoring the present laws giving state aid in constructing permanent roads was adopted. The second section providing for the office of a county engineer was voted down by a small majority, opinion being almost equally divided while the third section was lost by a big majority. It declared in favor of the present laws for expenditure of money for dirt roads.

THIS IS YOUR LAST CHANCE TO GET THE BARGAINS.—The balance of the stock must be sold by the 20th of March, prices will be no consideration. Furniture, carpets, matting, oil cloth and household goods. Also men's, boys' and young men's suits and overcoats, ladies' skirts, waists and petticoats, must be sold by the date mentioned above. Store fixtures for sale, 1 horse, 1 buggy, 1 wagon, 2 sets harness. Don't miss this last opportunity. L. BARIS, Corner Main and Broad streets, Middletown, Del.

DELAWARE SHIP CANAL

A Large Delegation Visits the Capitol

Much Interest in the Project

WASHINGTON, MARCH 12. — Delegates from Delaware and other States who had a hearing before the House Committee on Railways and Canals yesterday morning in regard to the proposed Delaware Ship Canal were received by President Roosevelt at the White House in the afternoon.

An appointment had been previously arranged by Alfred O. Crozier for 3 o'clock. The party arrived at the executive offices on time and were ushered into the office of the President's private seeretary, Mr. Loeb.

After waiting probably twenty minutes the President appeared in the doorway and recognizing Mr. Higgins, who was standing near the door, gave the former senator a hearty handshake. Mr. Crozier, who was spokesman for the party, in a few brief remarks explained the nature of the visit to Washington. He said it was principally for a national defense that they are urging the building of the proposed canal. While Mr. Crozier was talking, the President stood in the doorway and seemed greatly interested in what was being said.

He said it was a pleasure for him to meet such a body of representative men from Delaware and other States. He said the matter was one of great importance and he would give it careful consideration.

Presented to President

Each member of the delegation was presented to the President and shook hands with him on passing out. The party was photographed on the White House steps.

Before going to the White House the party was received by Secretary of the Navy Moody. Chairman Crozier also explained to Mr. Moody the value of the visit and the latter said he would give it careful consideration. In presenting the delegates to President Roosevelt and Secretary Moody, Mr. Crozier was assisted by State Senator George W. Sparks. Mr. Crozier left typewritten statements on the canal subject with both President Roosevelt and Secretary Mood.

Those Received

Those in the party received at the White House and Navy Department were Congressman Houston, Alfred O. Crozier former United States Senator Anthony Higgins, State Senators George W. Sparks, Charles Wright and Henry Ellison, President William Lawton, of the Board of Trade, John S. Rossell, vice-president of the Pusey & Jones Company, R. J. McLean, George L. Townsend, J. H. Mehaffy, Gilpin Woodward, Edward T. Betts, George A. Elliott, Robert Mills, Thomas Martindale, of Philadelphia; Richard B. Chillas, of Baltimore; Pseident Wood, of the Camden Board of Trade.

A Desirable Hand Book on the World's Fair

Perhaps the best treatise on the World's Fair at St. Louis, is that published by the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad, in an illuminated folder of eighty-four pages, setting forth the attractions of the great fair in a most admirable and complete manner. It contains some sixty-eight views of buildings, including maps of St. Louis, the original Louisiana Purchase, and the World's Fair Grounds. It is a resume of what may be seen at the Exposition, giving interesting and valuinformation in a way that one who starts to read can hardly lay the booklet down until he has read it entire. Aside from its contents, ita artistic appearance in the standard colors of the "Royal Blue and Sepia," makes it a thing to be desired. It may be had free on application to any of the Baltimore & Ohio Ticket Agents, or by addressing C. W. Basset, General Passenger Agent, or D. B. Martin, Manager Passenger Traffic, B. & O. R. R., Baltimore.

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THAT STATEMENT.

At last we are able to publish the statement of the financial transactions of the Light and Water Commission for the eleven years, beginning on the 22d of February, 1893 and ending on the 20th of February, 1904. The getting together of this statement entailed a great amount of work, more than we had expected. For the first few years the reports made to the Town Commissioners were not printed and for these we are indebted to the Secretary of the Light and Water Commission, who has been of great help to us. We hope that our readers will from these figures gain some idea of the largeness of the propositions that this Board has to consider. We admit that we were greatly surprised to find that the Total amount of money handled by the Commission was nearly $110,000.

For the first few years, the Water plant was operated at a loss, but of late years, owing to the increased use of the town water without a corresponding increase in the cost of operating, this branch shows a fair margin of profit. Referring to the figures as they appear in another column, it will be seen that, omitting the items on one side of "Approriated by the Town of Middletown for various improvements," "Bonds Issued," and "Loans negotiated," and on the other side of "Improvement and Extension of the system," the receipts from all other sources have been $25,249.18, and the expenditures for all other accounts have been $23,083.64. The profits arising from the Water plant, therefore have been $2,165.54, or a little more than one third of the amount paid by the Town for its supply of water for Fire plugs, &c. In other words, the Town has been at small expense for this supply, and if consideration is given to the small loss by fire in this period, and the decreased cost of insurance, even the amount expended for Improvement and Extension has not been felt. It is true that most property owners do not put their savings on insurance against their taxes, but a little thought will make it clear that they should do so.

The Light plant has been a source of profit, from the start. Treating the statement in the same manner that we did the Water statement, we find that the total receipts from all sources, except from the Town, the sale of bonds, and other loans, have been $51,100.36 and the expenses of operation and maintenance, $45,047.59, showing a profit of $6,052.77. When to this is added the fact that Middletown has low lighting rates, the wisdom of municipal ownership in this utility is abundantly proved.

The Commission has more than doubled the capacity of both plants, since assuming charge, with an increase in the bonded debt of only four thousand dollars, and now has a floating debt of fifty-seven hundred dollars.

STATE FINANCES.

The Journal of the Committee of the Legislature to audit and settle the accounts of the Secretary of State, the Insurance Commissioners, the State Libraria nand State Treasurer, has been puplished. The accounts, as was to be expected, were found absolutely correct, and the Committee heartily endorsed the management. The present Insurance Commissioner has practically made his department, as former commissioners did not seem to have realized the possibilities for action open to them. The Secretary of State has paid at the close of the months business all the monies due to the State Treasurer, so that the State might have full benefit therefrom. The following resolution was adopted.

"*Resolved*, that before adjourning we adopt this minute to commend Martin B. Burris, Treasurer of this State, for his able administration of the duties of his office, wherein we have found complete appointments, clean records, and a courteous assistant, who is constantly in attendnce, and that the said Sates Treasurer is entitled to special commendation for his systematic efforts to colleet the annual franchise tax from corporations chartered under the laws of Delaware, in which effort he has met with signal success."

CRIME IN DELAWARE

"It is becoming distressing to note so many shooting and other affairs of the kind in this State. The incident at Felton on Tuesday was another illustration of the danger of the handy pistol, and another crime is now recorded."

The above from the *Morning News* relates to a condition of affairs that is rapidly becoming serious. The disregard for human life is general over the State. Even our own quiet town has had an experience this week that horrifies the law abiding citizen. The cause is difficult to find. The fact that it has been more than ten years since a murderer was hanged for his crime may have cause a belief that it is safe to wreak vengeance on a foe. The lynching of the brute, White last summer has not increased the respect for law. Our officers of the law in all the cases have worked hard to capture and convict, but their efforts have so far been in vain.

A REMARKABLE DECISION

"The decision of the Supreme Court of the United States in sustaining the Circuit Court's decree in the Northern Securities case imparts to the Sherman Anti-Trust law a potency for producing drastic and far reaching effects. The great railroad merger immediately at issue before the court is not only declared illegal, but the affirmation of the principles on which this finding is based leads to conclusions of the most vital significance in connection with a large portion of the railway system of the country as well as with commercial or manufacturing trusts.

"The Northern Securities Company was organized and incorporated under the laws of the State of New Jersey for the purpose of acquiring control and ownership of two important railroads in a distant part of the United State, entirely unconnection with New Jersey—the Great Northern Railroad and the Northern Pacific Railroad. The stock of these corporations was transferred to the Securities Company to the end that both roads might be managed without the competition which had previously existed between them. The contention of the Federal Goverment in calling for an injunction against this combination was that it was intended to operate as a check on competition; that its effect was to create a monopoly, and that it was a violation of the prohibition which Congress in the Sherman anti-Trust act had set up against monopolies under its power to regulate interstate commerce.

"The Supreme Court apparently sustains this contention in every essential particular. It dissolves the Northern Securities combination. It declares that no State has the right to incorporate any organization for the purpose contemplated or attempted by this company. It holds that the power fully resides in Congress to invalidate the legislation of any States which tends to restrain the operations of trade. Nor is it necessary to show that there has been an actual restraint or condition of restraint imposed by the acts of a combination thus formed. The mere attempt to do so is subject to the action of Fedral authority. In the case of the Nothern Securities Company the acquirement of the ownership of the two railroads in question, aside from any specific act in the monopolizing of traffic, is held to be a sufficient ground for justifying the point that the Congressional statute had been violated and that therefore the ownership per se of an interstate railway comes within the power of Congress to regulate under its jurisdiction over interstate commerce when that ownership is in the nature of a combination to prevent competition.

"In short, the general trend of the decision is to place in the hands of Congress an almost absolute power over corporations of all kinds which are engaged in interstate trade. It strikes at all the tricks, sophistries and evasions which have been practiced in "mergers" and corporate consolidations under State laws and clearly establihes the right of the Federal Government to dissolve them when they operate beyond the lines of a ingle State. The possession of prohibited power is regarded by the court as equivalent to its exercise, and the Federal Government may consequently step in and put an end to it without even being obliged to prove that it has been used for the purpose of destroying competition."—*Phila. Bulletin.*

ST. GEORGES

Miss Blanche Jones spent Sunday with Miss Harriett Carrow.

Miss Hattie Batten has returned from a visit to friends near Newark.

Miss Violet Gray visited Miss Miriam Price at "Lniden Hill" on Sunday.

Miss Anna Stewart has returned from a pleasant visit to Philadelphia relatives.

W. T. Hoopes, of New Garden, Pa., is spending this week with his family here.

Mrs. J. C. Stuckert beautifully entertained fifteen members of the book club on Thursday.

A meeting of the Temperance Alliance of the M. E. Church was called on Saturday evening.

Mr. M. J. Gray and wife on Saturday entertained William K. Price and family of "Linden Hill."

Mrs. John Butler, of Summit Bridge, was entertained by Mrs. Joseph Heisel one day last week.

The Bible class will meet on Monday evening at the home of William H. Barnett. All welcome.

The property of the late Daniel B. Stewart has been sold to James Batton for the sum of $2700.

Samuel Harman and wife, of Dutch Neck, were entertained by James Batten and family on Friday.

Mrs. George Swain and son Herman, spent Sunday with Eugene Gravatt and family, near Glasgow.

William Roberts and wife, of Jersey City, N. J., have been spending a few days with relatives here.

Mrs. Caroline Moore, of Port Penn, is spending this week with her brother, Charles Wright and family.

Mrs. Howard Othoson, of Philadelphia, spent several days last week with relatives and friends in town.

Mrs. Mary Garman was called to Trenton, N. J., on Saturday by the serious illness of her sister, Mrs. Hutchison.

No services will he held in the M. E. Church on Sunday owing to the absence of the pastor, Rev. O. L. Martin, who is attending Conference at Dover.

The Presbyterian prayer service was held on Tuesday evening this week on account of their entertainment coming on Friday, their usual meeting night.

Dr. and Mrs. J. W. DeWitt entertained some friends at a "flinch" party on Thursday evening. Among the guests were: Mrs. M. J. Gray, Mrs. A. N. Sutton and Mrs. Elida Jones. Refreshments were served.

Theodore Jones received the appointment as post-master, to succeed Daniel B. Stewart, deceased, last week. His niece Miss Mattie Murry, of Newark, has been appointed assistant. The office will be moved to a room in Odd Fellows' Hall.

Mr. William R. Pennington who has been employed at the creamery here for sometime, left for Goshen, N. J., on Monday where he will have charge of four creameries. We are sorry to lose Mr. Pennington, but the best wishes of his many friends follow him to his new home.

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REGISTER'S ORDER.

REGISTER OF WILLS OFFICE,
New Castle County, Del., March 14th, 1904.

Upon the application of Joshua Clayton, Jr., Executor of Lavinia E. Clayton, late of St. Georges Hundred, in said county, deceased, it is ordered and directed by the Register of Wills that the Executor aforesaid give notice of granting of Letters Testamentary upon the estate of the deceased, with the date of granting thereof, by causing advertisements to be posted within forty days from the date of such Letters in six of the most public places of the County of New Castle, requiring all persons having demands against the estate to present the same, or abide by an act of Assembly in such case made and provided; and also cause the same to be inserted within the same period in the Middletown Transcript, a newspaper published in Middletown, Del., and to be continued therein two months

Given under the hand and seal of office of the Register of Wills aforesaid, at Wilmington, in New Castle County aforesaid, the day and year above written

FRED E. BACH, Register of Wills

NOTICE—Notice is hereby given that Letters Testamentary were in due form of law granted unto the undersigned on the fourteenth day of March, A. D. 1904 and that all persons having claims against the estate of the deceased must present the same duly attested to the said Executor on or before the fourteenth day of March 1905, or abide the Act of Assembly in such case made and provided.

JOSHUA CLAYTON, Jr., Executor.

Address, Middletown, Delaware.
Address Martin B. Burris, Esq., Attorney-at-law, Middletown, Delaware.

REGISTER'S ORDER.

REGISTER OF WILLS OFFICE,

NEW CASTLE COUNTY, DEL., Mch. 15, 1904

Upon the application of Emma Foard Administratrix of Eli S. Foard, late of Pencader Hundred, in said county, deceased, it is ordered and directed by the Register of Wills that the Administratrix aforesaid give notice of granting of Letters Testamentary upon the estate of the deceased, with the date of granting thereof, by causing advertisements to be posted within forty days from the date of such Letters in six of the most public place of the County of New Castle, requiring all persons having demands against the estate to present the same or abide by an act of Assembly in such case made and provided; and also cause the same to be inserted within the same period in THE MIDDLETOWN TRANSCRIPT, a newspaper published in Middletown, Del., and to be continued therein two months.

Given under the hand and seal of office of the Register of Wills aforesaid, at Wilmington, in New Castle County aforesaid, the day and year above written.

FRED E. BACH, Register of Wills.

NOTICE—Notice is hereby given that Letters of Administration were in due form of law granted unto the undersigned, on the 15th day of March, A. D 1905, and that all persons having claims against the estate of the deceased must present the same, duly attested, to the said Administratrix, on or before the 15th day of March, 1905, or abide the Act of Assembly in such case made and provided.

EMMA FOARD,
Administratrix.

Address, Edward G. Cook, Esq., Attorney-at-law, Wilmington, Delaware.

UNION REPUBLICAN CONVENTION.

Delegates to the National Convention to meet in Chicago were chosen at Dover on Wednesday at the state gathering of the Union Republicans, Senator James Frank Allee made his maiden speech at a political meeting, Mr. Addicks read resolutions, instructing the delegates to vote for President Roosevelt's renomination and a set of long resolutions which attacked the civil service law and upheld the right of negroes to vote was adopted.

The convention was well attended. Everything moved along with the usual Union Republican ease that marks such events although there were whispers of little difficulties concerning the election of delegates. There seemed to be some trouble, in agreeing upon a slate but it was soon adjusted. In his speech Senator Allee emphatically pronounced in favor of going right down the line in the coming campaign—that is the Union Republicans nominating their own ticket—and he was opposed to any more dickering or trading. That appeared to be the sentiment of the delegates in the convention although here and there were those who thought the party should get together and present a solid and united front against the Democrats.

The national delegates and their alternates were as follows, four being chosen as delegates at large and two as delegates from the Congressional district:

Delegates-at-Large — J. Edward Addicks; Alternate, John E. Taylor.

James Frank Alee; Alternate, Dr. George W. Marshall.

John Hunn; Alternate, Walter O. Hoffecker.

Dr. Caleb R. Layton; Alternate, Joseph L. Cahall.

District Delegates—Francis S. Bradley; Alternate, Dr. A. E. Frantz.

G. Layton Greer; Alternate, John G. Townsend, Jr.

Dr. Layton was credit to Sussex county although in the convention, he sat with the Kent delegates.

Flood Loses Over $100,000

Property at Port Deposit, Perryville, Havre de Grace, Lapidum, Conowingo and other points in Maryland have been damaged by the Susquehanna flood and ice to the extent of $100,000.

A gang of 450 men is working along the Columbia & Port Deposit Railroad, and train service from Perryville has been resumed.

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On Tuesday Eve., March 15, 1904,

At 8 o'clock,

for the purpose of electing a President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer to serve one year and three Directors to serve three years. The books are now open for sale of 32d, Series Stock, the first payment on which can be made on or before the 15th. inst. The 20th Series of Stock has just been matured, paying the stockholders Six and a half per cent. on their investment. This Association affords excellent opportunity for those who wish to build or buy a home, or to invest their small earnings in a safe place. The Secretary can be consulted at any time by calling at his office.

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Whereas, Mary E. Pearson by her Petition to the Judges of our Superior Court, filed in the office of the Prothonotary of said Court in and for New Castle County, for the cause of complaint therein alleged, has made application to our said Judges that a decree may be pronounced dissolving the marriage existing between the Petitioner and Hiram E. Pearson.

(Seal)

We, therefore command you, as you were heretofore commanded, that you summon Hiram E. Pearson that he be and appear before the Judges of our said Court at the next term thereof to be held at Wilmington, on Monday, the Twenty-third day of May next to answer the allegations of the said petitioner, Mary E. Pearson according to the Act of Assembly in such case made and provided, and also to do and receive what the Court shall then and there consider concerning him in this behalf as to the Court shall seem meet and consistent with the provisions of the said Act of Assembly.

And have you then there this writ.

Witness the honorable Chas. B. Lore, at Wilmington, the First day of February A. D., nineteen hundred and four.

FRANK L. SPEAKMAN,
Issued Feb. 11th, 1904. Prothonotary.

NEW CASTLE COUNTY, ss.
THE STATE OF DELAWARE,
TO THE SHERIFF OF NEW CASTLE COUNTY, GREETING:—

Whereas, Lydia C. Downes by her Petition to the Judges of our Superior Court, filed in the office of the Prothonotary of said Court in and for New Castle County, for the cause of complaint therein alleged, has made application to our said Judges that a decree may be pronounced dissolving the marriage existing between the Petitioner and Roubon J. Downes.

(Seal)

We, therefore, command you, as you were heretofore commanded, that you summon Roubon J. Downes that he be and appear before the Judges of our said Court at the next term thereof to be held at Wilmington, on Monday, the Twenty-third day of May next to answer the allegations of the said petitioner, Lydia C. Downes according to the Act of Assembly in such case made and provided, and also to do and receive what the Court shall then and there consider concerning him in this behalf as to the Court shall seem meet and consistent with the provisions of the said Act of Assembly.

And have you then and there this writ.

Witness the Honorable Chas. B. Lore, at Wilmington, the First day of February A. D., nineteen hundred and four.

FRANK L. SPEAKMAN,
Issued Feb. 13th, 1904. Prothonotary.

NEW CASTLE COUNTY, ss.
THE STATE OF DELAWARE.
TO THE SHERIFF OF NEW CASTLE COUNTY, GREETING:—

Whereas, Robert Henry Cubberly his Petition to the Judges of our Superior Court, filed in the office of the Prothonotary of said Court in and for New Castle County, for the cause of complaint therein alleged, has made application to our said Judges that a decree may be pronounced dissolving the marriage existing between the Petitioner and Maude Cubberly.

(Seal)

We, therefore, command you, as you were heretofore commanded, that you summon Maude Cubberly that she be and appear before the Judges of our said Court at the next term thereof to be held at Wilmington, on Monday, the twenty-third day of May next to answer the allegations of the said petitioner, Robert Henry Cubberly according to the Act of Assembly in such case made and provided, and also to do and receive what the Court shall then and there consider concerning her in this behalf as to the Court shall seem meet and consistent with the provisions of the said Act of Assembly.

And have you then and there this writ.

Witness the Honorable Chas. B. Lore, at Wilmington, the First day of February A. D. nineteen hundred and four.

FRANK L. SPEAKMAN,
Issued March 4th, 1904. Prothonotary.

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The undersigned, having selected with great care will sell at Public Sale, at "Fair Field Farm," on the road leading from St. Georges to Delaware City,

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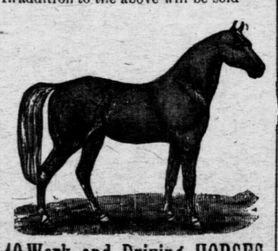

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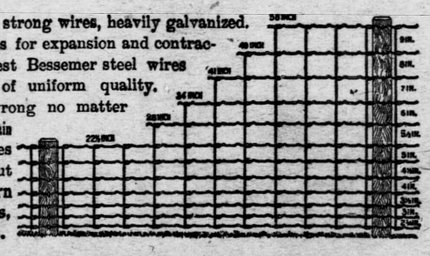

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The Middletown Transcript

Trains Leave Middletown as Follows:

North Bound—8.30, 7.52, 9.20 and 10.27 a. m; 1.14 and 6.05 p. m.
South Bound—12.49, 5.31, 9.21 and 11.40 a. m.; 3.56, 4.54 and 7 56 p. m.

Mails Close as Follows.

Going North—7.30 a. m , 10.05 a.m., 3.50 p.m., 5.45 p. m. and 9 p. m.
Going South—8.10 a.m., 4.35 p. m., and 9 p.m
For Odessa—9.30 a. m., 11 40 a. m., 5.05 p. m.
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Local News.

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Unclaimed Letters.—The following list of letters remain unclaimed in the post office for the week ending March 10th: Miss Annie William.

Until further notice the Middletown Public Library will be open on Tuesday and Saturday afternoons from 3.30 to 5, and Saturday evenings, from 7 to 8.30.

The new building of Mrs. Kate Naudain on North Broad street is nearing completion and will be occupied after March 25th by *The New Era* as a printing office.

A porker weighing about 150 pounds, one of a dozen was killed by some unknown animal in the pen of Henry Emory who lives near Glasgow, one night last week and the carcass was devoured the next night.

Now that Ann's age has been thoroughly discussed, an exchange springs this one: "A young woman goes upstairs at 7.45 to dress for the evening. She is 19 years old and weighs 102 pounds. State wait of the young man below.

The Rev. Henry Ramer, D. D., will preach in the Forest Presbyterian Church to-morrow, Sunday, at the morning and evening services. All cordially invited. Rr. Moore expects to be present at the prayer meeting on next Wednesday evening.

The ladies of the Y. will give a social Monday evening, March 21st, in the Y. reading room. All the members are invited to bring a friend. Miss Emerson an elecutionist, of Wilmington, will recite. Refreshments will be served and a good time promised to all.

Several changes have been made in the tenement sections of our town this week, and from what we can learn there will be many "movings," this year. Quite a few changes will also be made in the business section of our town on the 25th, and some few have already moved into new quarters.

The Delaware College base ball team will be coached for the next few weeks by Victor G. Willis, the famous pitcher of the Boston National League team. Victor pitched several games for the Middletown club when a youngster and has many warm friends here who will be exceedingly glad to learn of his success.

It is estimated that 200,000 cases of canned goods were lost in the Baltimore fire. 150,000 of these were tomatoes, and the effect upon prices are already very decidedly marked. Before the fire three-pound can tomatoes were quoted wholesale at 60 to 62 cents per dozen, while the present price is 70 cents per dozen.

Peach Blossom Grange expects to hold an open meeting on Thursday, the 24th. The subject to be discussed will be "spraying" and experts from Delaware College as well as prominent fruit growers from further down the Peninsula will be here to talk on the subject. Every one is invited and it is hoped to have a large attendance. Advertising matter giving more definite details regarding the meeting will be distributed later.

The Rev. C. T. Wyatt, D. D., pastor of Bethesda M. E. Church left Tuesday to attend Conference where he will remain until the close of the 36th annual session. He will report his collections fully up to the apportionment and the affairs of the Church in a good healthy conditon. At a recent meeting of the Official Board, pastor Wyatt was unanimously invited to return for another year, and so far as is known the good pastor and his wife will be with us during the coming conference year.

THIS IS YOUR LAST CHANCE TO GET THE BARGAINS.—The balance of the stock must be sold by the 20th of March, prices will be no consideration. Furniture, carpets, matting, oil cloth and household goods. Also men's, boys' and young men's suits and overcoats, ladies' skirts, waists and petticoats, must be sold by the date mentioned above. Store fixtures for sale, 1 horse, 1 buggy, 1 wagon, 2 sets harness. Don't miss this last opportunity. L. BARIS, Corner Main and Broad streets, Middletown, Del.

At a meeting of the Town Council no Monday evening last Mr. George V. Peverley was elected President and Mr. John W. Denny Secretary for the fiscal year. It will be gratifying news to our readers to learn that the new board has decided to furnish the local press with the minutes of each meeting for publication. THE TRANSCRIPT spoke of this matter a few weeks ago, and it will be very interesting reading for every tax-payer in our town. President Peverley will in all probability announce the committees at the next meeting and there will be several changes.

E. I. Alper, Eye Specialist, East Maine street, Middletown. Office honrs 8.30 A. M., to 9 P. M., every Saturday.

The lecture under the Star Course by Dr. Hindley next Tuesday evening has been postponed. Dr. Hindley was taken ill and had to cancel his engagement.

EGGS—White Wyandottes, Dustin and Bricault strains. $1.00 per 15.
MISS FRANCIS S. WILLIAMS,
Odessa, Del.

Mr. E. I. Alper the eye specialist has removed from West Maine street to East Maine street opposite J. C. Green's blacksmith shop, where he will be glad to see all of his former patrons.

Seneca Tribe, No. 44, improved Order of Red Men is growing in numbers very rapidly and there is hardly a council fire that they do not add one or more pale faces into the mysteries of their order. The members are negotiating for new furniture for their wigwam and in a short time will have one of the best equipped lodge rooms in rural New Castle County.

Messrs. Shanahan & Co., of Easton, Md., the contractors who are driving the new well for the Light and Water Commission are progressing rapidly with the work. At the present time they have succeeded in reaching a debth of 400 feet and Mr. Shanahan expects to complete the work in a few days. This is a 12 inch well, and the contractor hopes to find a sufficient flow of water at a depth of 500 feet.

Mr. John P. McIntyre proprietor of the Middletown Hotel, purchased a large red fox one day last week, and on Tuesday last invited a large number of his friends to participate in a fox chase, and in response to the invitations sent out a large number of lovers of the sport turned out. The fox was liberated at 11 o'clock in Mrs. Green's field on the Eastern side of the town. He was an exceedingly large one and when given his liberty started in a Southern direction, but soon changed his course and made for My Maryland, his native State. After thirty minutes had elapsed several men and boys mounted on horses with a large pack of hounds started on the chase, and after chasing reynard for four hours down through Middle Neck, he made his escape and the merry party turned its way homeward, much disappointed over not securing the bush.

By the finding of the body of an infant female child with its throat cut from ear to ear, in a lot in the rear of the residence of Mr. William Scott last Sunday morning, one of the most brutal crimes ever committed in this community was brought to the attention of the law abiding people our town. When the discovery was made by a small boy those who viewed the nude body could not see the large gash in the throat, but after the coroner had been notified and undertaker Emerson received instructions to remove the body, the real brutality of the crime was discovered. The coroner arrived in town Monday morning and after empannelling a jury held the inquest. The jury rendered a verdict "that the child was murdered by parties unknown to them." State Detective Francis arrived in town on the same train with the coroner, and has spent the entire week running out clues, and if we are correctly informed there may be an arrest made inside of a few hours. It is indeed hard to realize that we have living in this community parties who could commit such an inhuman deed, yet it has been done and if the guilty person or persons are arrested and brought to justice, there will be cause for rejoicing when they are safely put away back of prison bars.

CHURCH NOTES

Bethesda Epworth League meets in the lecture room of the M. E. Church every Sunday evening at 6.45 o'clock. Everybody is invited to attend. The topic for to-morrow evening is: "Little Things Made Great." 1 Cor. 1:25-29. Leader, Miss Lottie Blackway.

The Young Peoples Society of Christian Endeavor of Forest Presbyterian Church, meets every Sunday evening at 6.45 o'clock. A cordial invitation is extended to everybody. The topic for to-morrow evening is: "Little Things That Christ Makes Great." 1 Cor. 1:25-29. Leader, Mrs. Ella Pennington.

Death of Mrs. A. E. Marsh.

Mrs. Alice E. Marsh wife of Mr. E. E. Marsh, of Warwick, Md., departed this life last Monday evening at 11-15 o'clock in the 47th year of her life. She was a christian lady a dutiful mother and a beloved wife. She leaves a husband and ten children to mourn her death. Estella, Elsie, Ada, Alice, and Margaret, Alban, Eccleston, Paul, Francis and Royden K. They all reside in town except Royden who has been at Eaton, Colorado, for the past year. Solemn Requiem Mass was held at St. Francis Xavier Church last Thursday at 10.30 o'clock A. M. Rev. Father Charles A. Crowley and Rev. Father C. P. McGoldrick officiating. The pall bearers were Messrs. Jno. Sullivan, W. D. Bradford, J. R. H. Price, Frank Sullivan, A. D. Short and T. P. Dorsey. Interment was made at St. Francis Xavier cemetery.

WORLD'S FAIR AT ST. LOUIS

The Louisiana Purchase Exposition will open at St. Louis April 30, and will be in perfect condition on that date. The Pennslyvania Railroad Company will run the first low-rate coach excursion from the East to the World's Fair on May 10, affording residents of the Eastern section an opportunity to see the great Exposition in all the glory of its pristine freshness. Tickets will be sold from all principal stations on the Pennsylvania Railroad System. The fare from New York will be $20; from Philadelphia, $18.50, with proportionate rates, approximating one cent per mile, from other points. These tickets will be good going only on special coach trains to be run on May 10, and returning in coaches of regular trains leaving St. Louis not later than May 19.

Spraying Demonstration.

In response to the request of many fruit growers, there will be another demonstration in spraying at Wyoming, Delaware. The date fixed is the afternoon of Monday, March 21. All the pumps and other aparatus which was on exhibition on March 1, will be on hand at this meeting, and in addition the Delaware Experiment Station of Newark will exhibit a new gasoline engine and a new pump which have been made at the Station.

PERSONALITIES

Miss Ada M. Roberts will spend Sunday in Wilmington.

Mr. S. M. Rosenberg was in New York several days this week.

Rev. F. H. Moore, D. D., is spending several days in Atlantic City.

Mrs. Albert Price is the guest of friends and relatives in Philadelphia.

Mr. Harry S. Brady was a Philadelphia visitor one day this week.

Miss May Davis, of Milford, was the guest of her cousin, Miss Mary J. Wilson, over Sunday.

Mr. W. Howard Rogers, of Frederica, was the guest of his cousin, Mrs. T. S. Fouracre, on Wednesday.

Mrs. W. P. Cullen was the guest of relatives in and near Frederica several days during the past week.

Miss Anna Gallagher, of Philadelphia, was the guest of relatives here several days during the past week.

Mr. William Scott who has been confined to his bed for several weeks, was somewhat improved yesterday.

Mr. Horace Moore, of Wilmington, was the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Moore, several days this week.

Mr. George Allen and little daughter May, of Philadelphia, will arrive to-day and spend sometime at the Middletown Hotel.

Mrs. Mary Shivery and little son Ralph, of Wilmington, were guests of her brother, Mr. and Mrs. Charles N. Dickerson, over Sunday.

Mr. Wallace M. Holten who has been ill at the Brick Hotel in Georgetown with pneumonia is reported as being much improved at this writing.

Mrs. J. A. Jones who has been spending several days with the family of Mr. Joshua Clayton, Jr., returned to her home in New York City on Wednesday.

WILMINGTON CONFERENCE

The Thirty-Sixth Session Will be a Very Busy And Interesting One

The thirty-sixth session of the Wilmington annual conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church met in Wesley Church, Dover, Wednesday morning.

Preliminary to the opening of the business sessions of the conference Wednesday morning by Bishop Fitzgerald and Presiding Elders Watt, Baker, Koons and Stengle, a missionary service was held Tuesday night in Wesley Church, the conference seat. Special music was furnished by the augmented choir of Wesley Church, composed of the foremost singers of Dover, and the missionary address was made by the Rev. C. W. Strickland, who was selected for that honor by conference at Easton a year ago. It was a plea for missionary effort at home and abroad, based on the Scriptural injuction "go ye forth into every land." Conference opened formally at 9 o'clock Wednesday morning with a praise service, followed by the celebration of the Holy Communion. Bishop Fitzgerald, who is presiding, has his headquarters and is holding cabinet sessions in the Hotel Richardson, owing to the illness of Mrs. Wilson, wife of Dr. J. H. Wilson, by whom he was to have been entertained. The prospective appointment of presiding elders for Wilmington and Dover districts to succeed Dr. Robert Watt and Dr. C. S. Baker, and the election of four ministerial and four lay delegates to the General Conference, already has caused widespread circulation among the pastors. The opinion seems general that Dr. A. S. Mobray will relinquish the position as conference secretary, which he has held fourteen years, to become presiding elder of Wilmington district. For Dover district the choice is said to have narrowed down between the Rev. C. T. Wyatt of Middletown, Rev. Vaughan S. Collins of Smyrna, Rev. S. M. Morgan of Milford, and the Rev. L. E. Barrett of Dover.

For ministerial delegates to the General Conference, it now appears that Presiding Elder Watt, Dr. A. S. Mobray, Presiding Elder W. G. Koons and Presiding Elder Adam Stengle will be honored. Another ticket launched includes Dr. Mowbray, Dr. Wilbur F. Cochran, the Rev. Charles A. Hill and the Rev. C. T. Wyatt. This is designed to take the honor from the presiding elders.

SASSAFRAS

Heavy rains have washed out and destroyed many wheat fields.

Mrs. Louis Dreka who has been seriously ill is greatly improved.

On Friday there were five different tribes of gypsies passed through Sassafras.

Master John F. Ernest was entertained by Master Masten Shallcross over Friday.

The death of Mrs. E. Marsh of Warwick was received here with great sorrow.

Mrs. M. Peacock, of near Golts, was entertained Wednesday by Mrs. Therza Shallcross.

Mr. Keith Cochran, of near Galena, was entertained by William Shallcross on Wednesday.

Mrs. Caroline Johns who has been seriously ill for the past month is very much improved.

Mr. and Mrs. James Davis entertained the Mite Society of the M. E. Church on Friday evening last.

Mrs. George A. Ford and Mrs. J. Harry Lowe, of Philadelphia, are visiting their mother, Mrs. Caroline Johns.

Our popular teacher Miss Nora Boston was called to her home in Chestertown Thursday by the death of a brother.

The fishermen in the lower counties on the Eastern Shore are preparing for the sturgeon season which will open in about a week.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Griffith and two daughters were entertained on Friday by her mother, Mrs. W. K. Lockwood, near Warwick.

The blue birds, black birds and the robin red breast came all together Wednesday and led old Sassafras to believe that Spring must be here.

Messrs. Jacob T. Shallcross and Isaac Gibbs with their sons left Monday for Annapolis where they will attend a function given by Governor Warfield.

Canal Toll Bill Knocked Out.

The bill allowing the Chesapeake and Delaware Canal Company to charge toll for passengers on boats using the canal was unfavorably reported by the Committee on Railroads and Canals in the Maryland House of Delegates on Wednesday. Mr. Keys, of Cecil county, moved to substitute the bill for the report. This was defeated and after some discussion the report was adopted and the bill killed.

ODESSA

Benjamin Sack was a Philadelphia visitor Wednesday.

Alfred Stevens, of Bridgeton, N. J., is home on the sick list.

Mrs. Levin Cattes, of Kirkwood, spent Sunday with Mrs. F. D. Reynolds.

John Keegan, of Atlantic City, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. Keegan.

Mrs. Clara B. Green, of Middletown, is the guest of her sister, Mrs. F. B. Watkins.

Mrs. Helen Kumpel, of Medford, N. J., is visiting her mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Stevens.

Miss Marion Janvier, of Wilmington, is the guest of her sister, Mrs. J. W. Watkins.

Miss Grace M. Vinyard, of Philadelphia, is visiting her mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Vinyard.

Miss Lucy Appleton is spending this week with Mrs. David Howell, near Summit Bridge.

Miss Frances Aspril, of West Chester State Normal school, is home on a two weeks vacation.

Miss Gertrude Gremminger, of Philadelphia, spent Sunday with her mother, Mrs. M. Gremminger.

Miss Louise N. Corbit has returned home after spending the winter at Wilmington, Newark and other places.

Mrs. William H. Eccles entertained her niece, Mrs. Mattie Cattes, of Wilmington, from Saturday until Monday.

Mrs. J. M. Arters left Monday for Dillsburg, Pa., where she will spend a month with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Morris.

Misses Martha and Mary Stringfellow returned to their home in Wilmington Tuesday, after an extended visit with friends in town.

Rev J. M. Arters, pastor of St. Pauls M. E. Church, left Monday night for Dover, where he will attend the Wilmington Conference.

The Sunday School of St. Pauls M. E. Church held its annual election of officers last Sunday, which resulted as follows: Superintendent, George L. Townsend; Asst. Superintendent, Joseph G. Brown; Primary Department, Miss Martha Townsend; Supt. of Home Department, Mrs. L. C. Enos; Secretary and Treasurer, George W. Davis; Pianist, Miss Helen Townsend; Cornetist, Henry Heller; Trombonist, William W. Rose.

WARWICK

S. D. Wilson spent Monday in Elkton.

William T. Vinyard was in Cecilton on Monday last.

R. B. Merritt was a Milton visitor part of this week.

M. E. Manlove has been at Cecilton during the past week.

W. J. Lofland has recovered after a light attack of the La Crippe.

Jr. Christian Endeavor prayer meeting next Sunday at 2 o'clock P. M.

R. D. Akin, of Delaware City, Del., was a brief caller in town Saturday.

Miss Minnie Smith was the guest of Miss Ethel Manlove on Wednesday.

We are sorry to learn that the son of A. D. Short is suffering with pneumonia.

Miss Helen Eaton spent several days with her parents, H. M, Eaton and wife.

Mrs. R. Delbert Aiken, of Delaware, City, Del., was at her mothers on Thursday.

J. Harry Holden has returned home after a four weeks stay in Chesapeake City.

J. Wilson Merritt has made a shipment of 1500 cases of tomatoes during the past week.

Washington Camp No. 8 P. O. S. of A. meets every Monday evening until further notice.

Robert Manlove, of near Cecilton, Md., was the guest of Mrs. Hamel Bouchelle, part of last week.

H. C. Aiken and wife, of Middletown, Del., were the guest of Mrs. Alfred Jones, Thursday.

Mrs. C. R. Manlove, of near Middletown, Del., was the guest of Mrs. W. J. B. Lofland, Thursday.

Miss Crawley has returned home after a short visit at Glen Falls, N. Y. She was accompanied by her mother.

Mass Sunday morning at St. Francis Xavier Church at 9 o'clock. Benediction and Stations follow immediately after the sermon. Rev. Father Charles A. Crowley, pastor.

Sacramental services will be held tomorrow, Sunday, at the Methodist Protestant Church at 10.30 o'clock A. M. The Rev. W. D. Litsinger repectfully invites the public to be present.

We will get four mails a day beginning April 1st, 1904. It seems to please the people ever so much. Now we surely think it will take electric cars to carry it as the distance between Earlville and Middletown is too much for the horse.

PACIFIC COAST AND GRAND CANYON

On account of the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, to be held at Los Angles, Cal., beginning May 3rd, the Pennsylvania Railroad Company will run a personally-conducted tour to Los Angles, visiting the Grand Canyon of Arazona *en route*, at unusually low rates. A special train of the highest grade Pullman equipment will leave New York, Philadelphia, and Pittsburg on Wednesday, April 27th, running via Chicago and the Santa Fe Route to the Grand Canyon. Sunday will be spent at this wonderful place, and Los Angles will be reached on the evening of May 1st. Round-trip tickets, including transportation, one double berth, and meals on special trains going; and transportation only returning on regular trains via direct routes or via San Francisco, will be sold at rate of $106 from New York $105 from Philadelphia, Baltimore, and Washington, and $100 from Pittsburg. Tickets will be good to return at any time before June 30th. Tourist returning via St. Louis may stop off for ten days to visit the World's Fair, by depositing ticket and paying $1.00 fee. A descriptive itinerary will be sent on application to Geo. W. Boyd, General Passenger Agent, Broad Street Station, Philadelphia, Pa.

FARMERS' ATTENTION

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REMOVALS IN TOWNSEND.

A great many of our people have changed or will change, their homes this Spring. Mr. Thomas Brown has removed from his home on Railroad Avenue to Mr. Edward Hart's farm about three miles from town called "California." Mr. Clayton Powell has moved from the country into Mr. Brown's house. Mr. Walls has moved from Mrs. Dockerty's house on South street to the farm from which Mr. F. H. Lattomus recently removed. Mrs. C. A. Hutchinson has moved to the house vacated by Mr. Walls. Mr. Walter Gill will remove to the house on Main street which he recently purchased from D. B. Maloney. Mr. James Lovegrove will occupy the house on Commerce street which Mr. Gill vacated. Mr. Frank Webb will remove from Mr. W. N. Watt's house on Grey street to Mr. W. H. Smith's house on Railroad Avenue and Mr. Isaac Davis of Middletown, will occupy Mr. Watt's house. Mr. J. C. Hutchison will remove to the house on Grey street now occupied by W. B. Weldon. Mr. Henry Skeggs has removed to Philadelphia and Mr. Benjamin Edwards will take the house Mr. Skeggs leaves. Mr. B. G. Lockerman will remove to the house on South street which he recently purchased from D. C. Rose, and Mr. George Stant takes the house which he vacated. Mr. Augustus Gill will occupy Mrs. Mary Daniels house on Railroad Avenue. Captain Wiggins' will remove from his farm to his house on North Commerce street, and Mr. B. Hutchison will remove from Mr. Wiggins house to the house of Mrs. B. Lynam on the same street and Mr. John Stradley will move into Mr. E. B. Phillips house. Mr. James Stubbles will remove to Mr. D. B. Maloney's house on Walnut street, and Mrs. William Lee will remove from the country into the house on Main street vacated by Mr. Stubbles.

TOWNSEND

Mr. D. B. Maloney visited Wilmington Monday.

Mr. Walter Lee visited Wilmington Saturday.

Dr. T. A. Enos was in Philadelphia Saturday.

Rev. J. H. Beauchamp left Monday for conference.

Mr. M. B. Donovan visited Middletown Wednesday.

Miss Gussie Chandler, of Smyrna, was in town Saturday.

Miss Anna Sharpless visited her aunt in Media, Pa., Sunday.

Mrs. Beulah Crossan, of Wilmington, was in town this week.

Miss Beulah Hodgson spent Wednesday in the Quaker City.

Miss Ethelwyn Maloney, of Dover, is spending this week at home.

Mr. Martin Lee has begun a commercial course at Goldey's College.

Mrs. Emma Finley has returned after spending several weeks in Wilmington.

Miss May McFaul and Miss Anna Sharpless visited Philadelphia Saturday.

Mrs. Benjamin Lockerman and daughter Elma visited Wilmington this week.

Miss Ella Maloney and Miss Ethelwyn Maloney visited near Bear Station this week.

Mr. W. B. Hollis, of Wilmington, spent a few days with Mr. G. M. D. Hart this week.

Archie Finley, of Philadelphia, spent Sunday with his mother, Mrs. Emma Finley.

Miss Maud Castle, of Riverview, N. J., spent several days this week with friends in town.

Miss Anna Hutchinson, of Philadelphia, spent Monday evening with Mrs. D. P. Hutchinson.

John Townsend, Jr., has returned after spending some days with Prof. Burris, in Chestertown, Md.

Mr. Leroy Hutchinson, of Wilmington, visited his father, Mr. Richard Hutchinson, near town Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Daniels and little daughter Ada, of Wilmington, spent Sunday with relatives in town.

Miss Ella Maloney entertained the Erodelphian Society Tuesday evening. A very pleasant time was had by all present.

Richard Fennimore has returned to his home in Wilmington after visiting his father, Mr. Lewis Fennimore, near town.

Mrs. Charles Larrimore, who has been spending several weeks in Seaford, is now visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Watts.

Mr. and Mrs. D. P. Hutchison invited a number of their friends to their home Monday evening, March 14th, to be present at the christening of their daughter, Margaret Elizabeth. The ceremony was performed by Rev. F. F. Carpenter, of Deal's Island, a brother of Mrs. Hutchison, with water which he had brought from the River of Jordan. The baby received many nice presents and a very enjoyable evening was spent by all.

CECILTON

We are sorry Miss Myrtle Templeman is no better at this writing.

Miss Edith Alderson was entertained on Sunday by Miss Alice Storr.

Miss Minnie Messick entertained a few of her friends on Saturday evening.

Miss Julia P. Dushane spent one day this week with Miss Mame Jones.

Rev. W. A. Dawson and wife are attending the conference at Dover this week.

Miss Emma Lusby is visiting her friends Miss Helen Schrack, of Germantown.

Miss Lillie Pierce entertained her friend, Miss Desdemona Boulden on Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Alice Storr has returned to her home in Baltimore after visiting her sister, Mrs. R. M. Black.

Dr. William A. Pierce, of Germantown, spent the past week with his sister, Mrs. J. A. Pierce, near town.

Miss Helen Ellison, of near Chesapeake City, was the guest of her cousin, Miss Frances Griffith, last week.

Miss Cora D. Anderson who has been ill was able to resume her duties as teacher on Monday morning.

CURRENT PRICES

MIDDLETOWN GRAIN MARKET.
CORRECTED WEEKLY BY JOHN W. JOLLS.

Wheat—No. 1	$1.03	Corn—	
No. 2	$1.00	Yellow, shelled	50
Timothy Seed	$2.65	" cob	54
Clover Seed lb	10½c	Oats	55

MIDDLETOWN PRODUCE MARKET.
CORRECTED WEEKLY BY W. T. CONNELLER.

Eggs, per doz	16@18
Country Butter, per lb	25@30
Creamery Butter, per lb	34
Lard, per lb	8@11
Live Chickens, per lb	12@13
Potatoes, per basket	40@45

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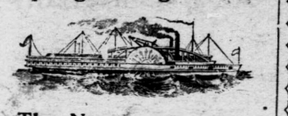

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Thursday, 17th, 7½pm	Friday, 18th, 3½pm	
Monday, 21st, 11½am	Tuesday, 22d, 8 pm	
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Heaviest quality, in many fancy stripes and checks, unsurpassed for durability, fresh and crisp, 40 yards to the roll.

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$1.00 per yard, regularly $1.25 per yard, heavy, soft finish, bleached Table Damask, beautiful satin finish, pattern strictly up-to-date.

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75c per yard, regularly $1.00 per yard, bleached, price of Irish linen, Table Damask, extra heavy, satin finish, full 72 inches wide.

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2000 yards Hill Muslin, yard wide, at the old price **8c** per yard, worth to-day at wholesale, 9c per yard.

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All the new spring styles at big saving.

Crush kid, white and black, crush silk and plain leather, **25** and **50c**.

We still have plenty of new games, Pit and Flinch **50c**.

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25 cents 2 quart gray enamel coffee pots that are exactly first quality.

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The Youngest Miss Passingham

[CONTINUED FROM LAST WEEK]

Alan's behavior to Molly was a great trouble to Stella. He was always cold and distant with her, as if she had been the merest stranger instead of the darling sister of the girl whom he was going to marry. Yet he was interested in her too. Stella had often caught him watching her when she was moving about the room, and he knew her step as well as Stella did. More than once he had been the first to hear her coming to them in the garden or across the hall. But he scarcely ever addressed her when it was not absolutely necessary, and when he did speak to her it made Stella miserable to hear him. She had hoped so much that they would be great friends. And she was sure that Molly noticed his coldness, for, though she talked a great deal when he was present, she was never quite her sweet natural self. And her talk was company talk—not a bit like Molly's ordinary chatter.

It was Mr. Creighton who was speaking as Stella crossed the lawn. He was not looking at Molly, but gazing straight in front of him, his swarthy face set in rigid lines. Molly was sitting very still, looking down at her hands folded in her lap. But as Stella drew near to them she bent forward and spoke quickly, eagerly pushing her fair hair back from her forehead in a way that she had when she was deeply moved. Then she saw Stella coming, and got up to meet her.

I knew that you would be here soon, dear, she said, a smile breaking over her pale face. I have given Mr. Creighton some tea. He wants to speak to you. And I must go in to Catharine.

She drew Stella close to her and kissed her, and then went swiftly across the lawn to the house. Stella flashed round on Alan, her gray eyes darting fire.

What is the matter with Molly? she demanded. Have you been quarreling with her?

Mr. Creighton raised his heavy black eyebrows.

Certainly not, he said. I should not presume to quarrel with her. We have been talking about you, little girl. But sit down and tell me what you have been doing. Was the tea party a success?

I think so. I came away before it was over. There were plenty of people there to help, Stella answered indifferently. But what was the matter with Molly? How white and strange she looked! I think that I must go in to see after her.

No—don't go. I want to speak to you, he said. His eyes fell on the spray of ivy which she wore at her breast, and he added, smiling, You have been to the Lovers' Well.

Stella stared at him, for, though he had spoken quite naturally, his swarthy skin had flushed and his breath came quickly.

How did you guess? she asked.

Does that ivy grow anywhere else? he questioned in reply.

His thoughts had gone back to that golden summer evening when he and Molly had strolled through the woods after dinner and had found themselves in the little dell, and he had picked some ivy for her from the edge of the moss-grown basin. He had been so sure then that his love was returned? And how she had fooled him to the top of his bent! A merry laugh broke from Stella.

Fancy your remembering that, Alan! Yes—it is quite true; it grows nowhere else.

He smiled kindly at her.

We must go and look at it, he said. Only last night Miss Chilcot was telling me how they had tried to grow it round their pond, and had failed again and again.

A gleam of angry dislike shot into Stella's eyes.

Ah, you dined there last night. Nina is very pretty, isn't she?

Very pretty. I wonder if it is true that she and West are about to make a match of it. She would be a capital wife for him.

Stella had taken the ivy from her breast and was tearing it up into tiny pieces.

They would be admirably suited to each other, she said, with a little scornful lifting of her eyebrows. It would be a pity for Anthony to have a wife too clever for him. But I had not heard that it was settled.

Village gossip, I dare say. But it is not of other people's marriages that I want to talk. He drew his chair close to hers, and bent forward to take her small hand in his own. You saw that your sister was a little agitated just now. We have been talking about you. She is very fond of you, dear.

There was some indignation in Stella's look.

Of course she is. There is no one whom she cares for so much—not even Catharine. And we must never be parted again for very long. You do understand that, don't you, Alan?

He looked away from her for a moment.

That shall be as you and your sister arrange it, he said. But listen to me now, Stella. No—don't take away your hand—for the coldness of his voice when he spoke of Molly had angered her. Listen just a moment. Doctor Scott thinks that your sister Catharine would benefit by a change in a week or two. He talks of Brighton. If they go, the Grange will be shut up. Now, instead of your accompanying them or going back to your aunt, how would it be for us to be quietly married here? Why should we wait? You are young, it is true, but I am not. Let me have my little wife at once, Stella. When we are married I shall be better able to keep your sisters. They will be my sisters then, and they shall find in me a good brother. What do you say, dear?

All the color deserted Stella's cheeks as she listened to his eager words. She had thought of her marriage as some dim far-off event. She felt now like one suddenly drawn to the edge of a precipice and told to look down. She was frightened, and Alan saw it. His eyes grew very tender as he tried to soothe away her fears.

But he was bent on having his own way. He believed that Stella loved him in her innocent childish fashion, and he was willing to wait for the deeper woman's love that would come. He was sure that he could make her happy. And when they were once married this mad passion that was mastering him again and making his life a daily torture would die a natural death.

You won't say me nay, Stella? he pleaded. Your sister sees that it is the best thing; she wishes it. And three weeks is plenty of time in which to get ready, is it not? Come—say you think so, dear.

CHAPTER VIII

Stella received warm letters of congratulation from her aunt and cousins directly they heard that her marriage was to take place so soon. As Stella had guessed, Mrs. Harrington was sorry that she had quarreled with her. She had not forgiven her niece for winning the rich husband whom she had intended for one of her girls; but she forsaw that Stella might be very useful to them in the future, and she determined to do her best to atone for the intemperate behavior which she had been unable to suppress when she had heard of the engagement.

She was very anxious that the wedding should be at Streatham; but Stella shrank from leaving the Grange till the last moment, and it was arranged that the ceremony should take place in the little church in the village. It was to be the quietest of weddings, on account of Miss Passingham's illness. Stella was to be married in her travelling dress, and they were to go straight from the church to Great Deepdene to catch the ten o'clock express to Malvern, where the first few days of the honeymoon were to be spent.

When Mrs. Harrington found that Stella would not return to Streatham, she begged at least that she might be allowed to provide the trousseau, as far as it was possible for her to do so. Stella eagerly accepted this offer, and felt sincerely greatful for it.

The suggestion that aunt Lydia should choose her new clothes for her would have filled her with horrified amusement a few months before—their tastes were as far asunder as the poles—but now she was glad to allow any one to take the matter out of her hands. She could not force herself to feel any interest in her trousseau. She shrank from thinking of it, and the lists that reached her from Streatham she tore up or sent back unread. Any question that had to be decided she made Molly decide for her; and when the presents began to come in it was Molly who opened them and wrote the pretty notes of thanks. Stella refused to give them more than a careless glance. It was a ridiculous notion that a bride should want presents and new clothes, she declared. She wished that people would not send her such things.

Some of her dresses were being made by Miss Willoughby at Great Deepdene, and about a week before the wedding she came to the Grange by appointment to try on the dresses for the last time. Stella was not at home. She had quite forgotten that the dressmaker was coming, and had gone off on one of the long lonely rambles which she had been indulging in of late. After waiting for an hour or two Miss Willoughby had to leave, Molly promising that she would drive her sister to the town the next morning.

Stella darling, you must go! she said firmly that evening when Stella began to offer irritable objections. Alan, make this child more reasonable! she added, turning to Mr. Creighton, who was putting out the chessmen for the usual evening games. Tell her that she cannot be married in a dress that does not fit.

I am afraid I do not see why, Alan said without raising his eyes. Though Molly had made a point of addressing him by his Christian name since the day of the marriage had been fixed, he had never addressed her by hers or in any way tried to break down the icy barrier that he had raised between them. But, Stella, I want you to come to Great Deepdene to-morrow. I am obliged to be in town on business all the morning. Would not you and your sister lunch with me at the Royal? And there is an oak chest at Hatchwell's that I want you to look at. It is a real bit of seventeenth century work. It would do for the hall at the Abby.

Ah, old oak is more interesting than Miss Willoughby! returned Stella gaily. If you will consent to stop to lunch with Alan, I will consent to go, Molly. Is it a bargain?

Alan looked politely at Molly.

Do not refuse, he said in a ceremonious vioce. It is my only chance of seeing Stella till the evening.

I shall be very glad to stay, she answered. Now that nurse Howell is here I am better able to leave Catharine. We must set off about eleven, Stella. Miss Willoughby will keep you some time, I am afraid.

It was just eleven when they started the next morning. Stella was in one of her gay moods, which had alternated lately with fits of depression, when she could hardly be got to utter a word. She chattered incessantly as they drove down the valley road, and seemed not to notice how much at random Molly's brief answers were.

Molly's strength had almost reached its limit. She was longing fiercely for the days to pass and bring Stella's wedding morning. Her own misery was so great that it blinded her eyes. She did not see that Stella was miserable too—miserable with the dull bewildered misery of a child that does not understand what its pain means.

There was a long hill to climb when they reached the end of the valley, and Molly had just slackened the pony's pace when they caught sight of Anthony walking up the hill some distance in front of them. He was walking very slowly, every line in his figure breathing of deep dejection. He straightened himself however as he heard the pony carriage behind him, and when he saw who it was he came back some steps to meet them. But he refused Molly's offer to drive him as far as their ways were the same.

I must call at the blacksmith's before going on to Deepdene, he said. Sheila has dropped a shoe. I could not ride her this morning. Any more presents, Stella? Have you had Mrs. Chilcot's yet? I hope you will like it. I helped her to choose it.

Oh, Stella is hopelessly ungrateful! said Molly. She will not even take the trouble to remember who sends her the pretty things which she has got. She does not even knew if Mrs. Chilcot's present has arrived or not—do you Stella?

I should remember if I had known that cousin Tony had chosen it, said Stella, smiling sweetly at Anthony.

She had been sweetness itself to him on the few occasions on which they had met since Mrs. Deane's tea party. She had been eager to talk over with him all the plans which she and Alan were making, and she had told him that she meant to wear his present, an old diamond ring that had been his mother's, on her wedding day and constantly afterwards.

Anthony had listened and sympathized and had hidden the aching of his heart by a smile. But his visits had grown fewer and fewer as the days went on. Nina Chilcot was taking up his time, Stella had said to herself. She looked after him as he crossed the field to the blacksmith's. He was walking quite briskly now, whistling as he went, but she had not forgotten his dejection when they had first caught sight of him.

Melancholy Jaques could not have looked more melancholy, she said to Molly. Did you ever see a man with a more hang-dog air? What is the matter, I wonder? Has Nina been scolding the poor dear fellow?

Molly looked at her, her soft brown eyes full of indignant wonder.

Stella, you are heartless—you are cruel! Do you think only of yourself? The words were wrung from her; she could not keep them back. But when she saw the strange look that overspread Stella's face she stopped. Stella, didn't you know, she said, after a moment's silence—haven't you guessed? But he did not want you to know; he was afraid that you might reproach yourself. And he will get over it. Men have died of grief before, but not for love!

The bitterness in Molly's voice—the voice that was always so gentle—did not reach Stella's ears. All consciousness was absorbed in the great truth that had suddenly come to her.

The rest of the drive passed like a dream. Molly saw how profoundly she was moved, and did not try to make her talk. She wished that she had been able to keep back those reproachful words which had betrayed Anthony's secret. She feared now that Stella would blame herself.

But it was not self reproach which kept Stella silent. Molly's words had been like the tearing aside of a dark curtain which had hidden the truth from her. She knew now by the trembling delicious joy which flooded all her being at the knowledge that Anthony loved her why she had been so miserable, why the moments had passed by on such leaden wings. The desert through which she had been painfully plodding had suddenly begun to blossom around her. It was assuming the sweetness and perfume of the rose garden. She felt young once more—young and merry hearted. Even the thought of Alan and the nine days' wonder which the breaking of her engagement would cause did not tend to oppress her. It mattered very little what people said, and Alan would think himself well rid of her when he learned that her heart had all the time been in the possession of somebody else.

A little irrepressible smile broke out on Stella's face as Miss Willoughby fidgeted over the gray poplin that was being made for her to wear on her wedding journey. She felt inclined to tell her not to fuss so much, as the dress would not be wanted.

Alan was waiting for them when they came out. He looked older and graver than ever in Stella's newly-opened eyes. She watched him furtively at intervals during their walk and the luncheon that followed. And her inward reflection was that he deserved to lose her; she was not sorry for him in the least. Why, it was within a week of their wedding day, and he did not even know when she looked at him!

Luncheon was not a long affair, and when it was over Molly, on whom the chief burden of the conversation had fallen, hastened to leave Alan and Stella to themselves. She had some purchases to make in the town, she said. They would find her at the chemist's in half an hour.

Fright took hold of Stella directly Molly had gone. A *tete-a-tete* of half an hour's duration with Alan was an ordeal that she had not been prepared for. To tell him face to face that she wanted their engagement to be broken off was more than she had the courage to do. She had meant to write to him; the letter was already written in her thoughts. But speak to him she could not. Yet how was she to answer him if he began to talk of their marriage! She felt intense relief therefore, though the relief was mingled with a little scornful amusement, when Alan suggested that they should employ the time by looking at the church.

They duly viewed the brasses and the cross-legged effigy of the Crusader in the chancel and the Norman tracery in the porch, and then went to look for Molly. Stella was tired when they came to the hotel. She suggested that she would wait there while Alan went on to the chemist's, and he agreed at once. He went off with eager steps.

Molly had finished her shopping before the half-hour was over. She had left the chemist's and was walking slowly up the street. When she was about halfway a sudden hoarse shouting reached her ears from a side street which she was approaching, and a dog rushed out, covered with foam and dust, with its tongue lolling out of its mouth and a crowd of pursuers after it. On the other side of the street a pretty child was playing, with the sunshine glinting on its golden hair. Molly ran across the road to the child and shielded it with her skirts. She was only just in time, for the mad brute was on her in an instant.

When Alan turned the corner of the street it was to see Molly clasping the child tightly to her and the dog tearing at her skirts.

The danger was over before he could reach her side. A blow from the constable's truncheon had laid the dog senseless, and the mother had rushed out from a neighboring house and claimed her child. Molly sought shelter from the crowd in a friendly doorway. It was there that Alan found her, leaning against the jamb of the door, deadly white and trembling all over. He seized her hands. There was a woman standing near with a glass of water, but he did not see her.

Molly, are you hurt—did that brute touch you?

Love spoke in his voice and in the burning anxiety that filled his dark eyes. The mask had fallen. In that moment of overpowering terror for her he forgot everything but that he was speaking to the mistress of his heart.

He tore my dress—that is all, Molly faltered.

Her eyes had met his, and she could not look away. It was rapture to meet that passionate glance, and she let her own eyes speak in reply, while he held her hands as if he could never let them go.

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Thin Fabrics

is sufficient to astonish even a person accustomed to New York variety. High on the list come organdies in exquisite floral patterns, ranging from delightfully hued roses of very large size, to dear little buds. Other organdies show satin or lace stripes in squares or columns and twined about them or spreading in lovely expanses between, are delicate flower laden vines. Bareges in old fashioned weave, come in wool or silk and wool and vie with etamines and voiles, both in many grades and colors, so much so that they almost form different fabrics, one from the other varity. Persian novelties in two shades of the same color, eolians showing a fine cord and crepe de Paris, are among other offerings. There

Never Was A Time

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Out Door Dresses

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Millinery,

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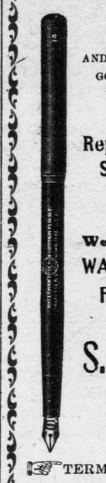

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‖ Daily. ‖ Daily except Sunday.
"e" Regular stop to receive passengers.
"f" Stops only on notice to conductor or agent or on signal.
"g" Connects at Delmar with New York, Philadelphia & Norfolk Ry.
"h" Stops to let off passengers from points north of Wilmington and from points on Maryland Division via Porter.
"l" Connects at Harrington for and from stations on Del., Md., & Vir. R. R.
"j" Stops to take on passengers for C Charles and beyond.
"k" Stops to leave passengers from Wilmington and points north, or take passengers for points south of Delmar.
"l" Connects at Townsend for and from stations on Baltimore & Delaware Bay Ry.
"m" Connects at Porter for Delaware City.
"n" Connects at Porter with Newark & Delaware City Railroad.
"o" Connects at Harrington fo stations on D M & V R R
"p" Stops to leave passengers from Middletown and points south.
"r" Stops to leave passengers from New York Division.
"u" Connects at Seaford for and from all stations on t ambridge & Seaford R R.
"v" Connects at Townsend for and from all stations on the Queen Anne & Kent Railroad.
"w" Connects at Harrington from stations between Lewes and Harrington.
"x" Connects at Clayton for and from all stations on Delaware & Chesapeake Ry.
"y" Connects at Delmer with New York, Philadelphia & Norfolk Railroad to and from all points between Delmar and Pocomoke.

BRANCH ROADS.
DELAWARE, MARYLAND & VIRGINIA R. R. Leave Harrington for Franklin City and way stations 10.36 a m 5.55 p m week days. Returning train leaves Franklin City 6.00 a. m. and 12.01 p. m. week days.

Leave Franklin City for Chincoteague (via steamer) 1.30 and 8.50 p m. week days Returning leave Chincoteague 10.45 a. m., and 5.30 p. m., week-days.

Leave Harrington for Georgetown and Lewes 10.36 a. m., 5.55 p. m., week days Returning, leave Lewes 6.45 a m and 1.36 p m week-days

Leave Harrington for Rehoboth 10 36 a m Returning, leave Rehoboth 1 13 p m, Tuesday Thursday and Saturdays

Leave Harrington for Berlin, 10 36 a. m. and 5.55 p. m. week days. Returning, leave Berlin 6.56 a m and 12.56 p. m. week days.

Leave Massey for Chestertown and way stations 9.59 a. m. and 5.16 p. m. week-days Returning, leave Chestertown 7.18 a. m. and 2.35 p. m, week-days.

QUEEN ANNE & KENT R. R.—Leave Townsend for Centreville and way stations 9 30 a. m., and 4.47 p. m., week days Returning, leave Centreville 7.46 a. m., and 3.38 p m., week-days.

DELAWARE & CHESAPEAKE R. R.—Leave Clayton for Oxford and way stations 9.47 a. m., and 5.03 p. m., week-days. Returning, leave Oxford 6.47 a. m., and 1 48 p. m., week-days.

CAMBRIDGE & SEAFORD R. R.—Leave Seaford for Cambridge and intermediate stations 11.18 a. m. and 6.31 p. m. week-days. Returning, leave Cambridge 7.00 a.m. and 2.32 p. m. week-days.

CONNECTION.—At Porter, with Newark and Delaware City Railroad. At Townsend, with Queen Anne's & Kent Railroad. At Massey, for stations on Baltimore & Delaware Bay Railroad. At Clayton, with Delaware & Chesapeake Railroad. At Harrington, with Delaware, Maryland & Virginia Railroad. At Seaford, with Cambridge & Seaford Railroad. At Delmar, with New York, Philadelphia & Norfolk.

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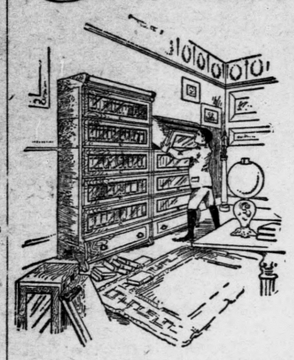

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